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Varna is used infrequently as a port during the winter, particularly when the Danube River or the port of Constanta might be frozen.

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Constanta's harbor was frozen but once, and that occurred during the winter of 1955-56.

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3. Varna Bay is free of mines. However, the depths, as indicated on Hydrographic Office Chart [redacted], for Varna Bay are not correct. [redacted] best to approach the Varna harbor entrance directly from the east from the 10 fathom mark. Once the 10 fathom mark is crossed the course to the Varna harbor entrance should be 270° true. The harbor pilot usually waits for incoming ships offshore of the point known as Galata Burnu. Vessels can go to Constanta in the north by going east and northeast after leaving Varna.

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4. The port of Varna [redacted] in good condition. Harbor breakwaters appeared to be in good shape and have been repaired as needed. In the main dock area there are very good cranes available. On one side of the dock [redacted] there were about six, mobile two-ton cranes. [redacted] there appeared to be one ship, between 1,200 and 1,500 tons, in the drydock [redacted] although the

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drydock appeared to be capable of accommodating larger vessels than the one then in it. [redacted] there were also shipways in the drydock area but [redacted] not [redacted] any new ship construction while in the port. [redacted] some small boats in the docks [redacted] These appeared to be fishing boats and possibly small mine sweepers. [redacted]

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5. [redacted] more in Varna in December 1955 [redacted] more than an average number of Bulgarian sailors. However, [redacted] no naval vessels in the area so it is possible that they were in attendance at a naval school in the city, particularly as many of the sailors were quite young, from 16 to 18 years of age. The only government vessels [redacted] were three small Bulgarian patrol boats, about 30 feet in length and powered by gasoline engines. [redacted] no army or air force personnel in the city. [redacted] Chart [redacted] indicates the existence of naval barracks immediately to the south of the drydock. However, there are no such barracks as so indicated.

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6. Varna is a very old town [redacted] The city's streets and roads [redacted] in very bad condition; most were very rough and badly needed repairs. The town itself had a dirty appearance and its residents looked poorly clad. Prices were quite high; even essential items such as toilet soap, toothpaste, razor blades, men's shirts, and shoes were either lacking or in very short supply. The town's water is not potable [redacted]

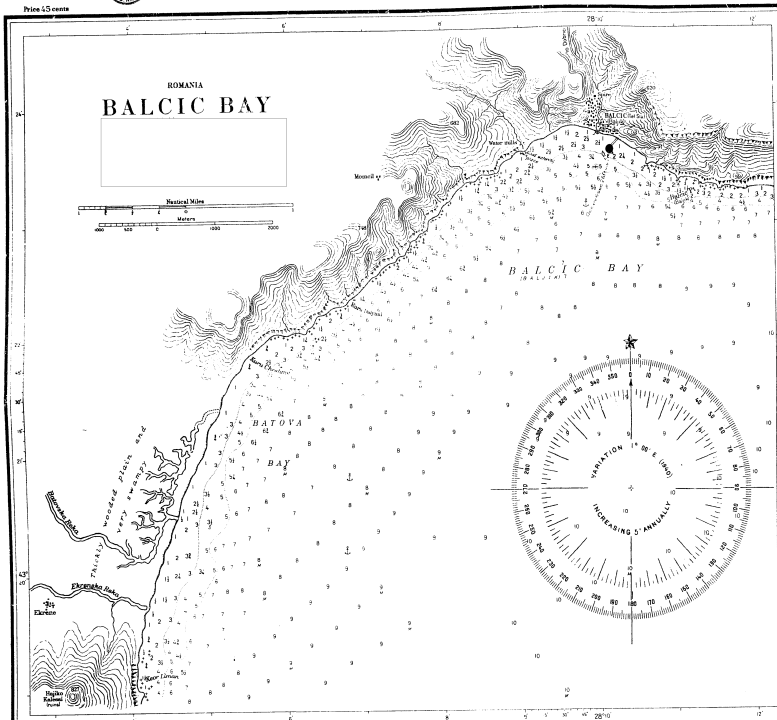
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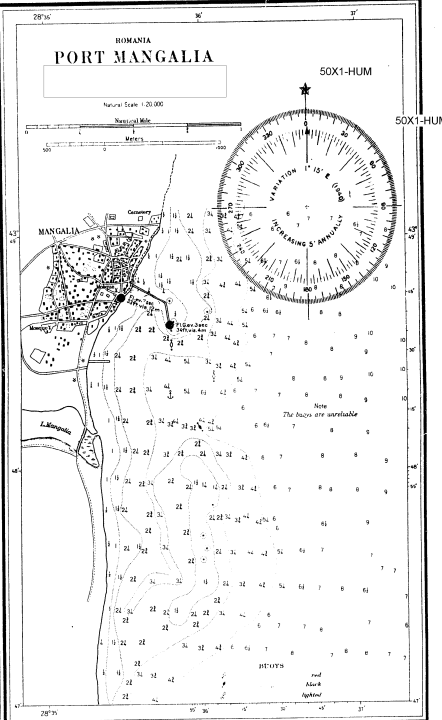
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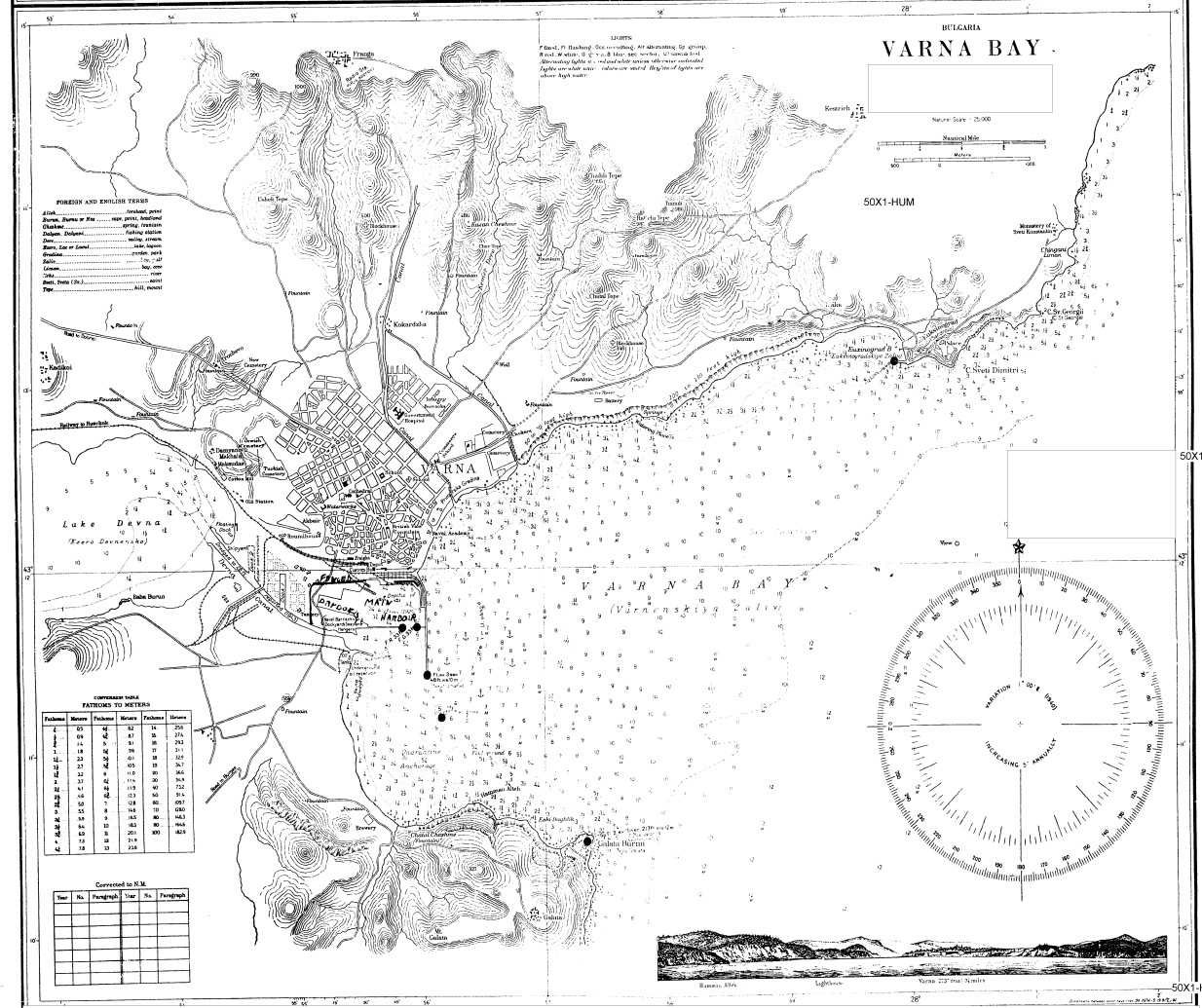
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VARNA BAY



FOREIGN AND ENGLISH TERMS	
Afish.....	Arshakun, 1
Burum, Burum or Mos	rape, peist, Arum
Chakam.....	spring, Arum
Dachon, Dohpand.....	fishing net
Dave.....	swilling, Arum
Kuara, Loo or Looal.....	lake, Arum
Grocinah.....	garden
Zahle.....	2-30
Lomam.....	bag
Arks.....	
Buet, Puet (S. J.).....	

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